

2022 – Costs of FSC® Chain of Custody Certification

1. FSC® - Annual Administration Fee (AAF) for Chain of Custody (CoC) in Dollar prior 1 July 2022

Class	Forest Products Turnover (USD)	Processor single (USD)	Processor multi-site (USD)	Trader single (USD)	Trader Multi-site (USD)
1	< 200.000	\$ 77	\$ 77	\$ 31	\$ 31
2	200.000 – 1.000.000	\$ 316	\$ 316	\$ 119	\$ 119
3	>1 - 5 Million	\$ 620	\$ 620	\$ 235	\$ 352
4	>5 - 25 Million	\$ 1.249	\$ 1.249	\$ 468	\$ 468
5	>25 - 100 Million	\$ 2.194	\$ 2.194	\$ 784	\$ 784
6	>100 - 500 Million	\$ 4.667	\$ 5.428	\$ 1.168	\$ 1.284
7	>500 -1.000 Million	\$ 7.816	\$ 11.664	\$ 2.334	\$ 2.451
8	>1.000 – 2.000 Million	\$ 10.966	\$ 23.327	\$ 4.667	\$ 4.959
9	>2.000 – 3.000 Million	\$ 17.496	\$ 34.990	\$ 5.833	\$ 6.999
10	>3.000 – 5.000 Million	\$ 22.550.	\$ 45.099	\$ 7.893	\$ 9.021
10+	>5.000 Million	\$ 33.834	\$ 56.372	\$ 11.275	\$ 13.531

The Annual Administration Fee (AAF) is based on the annual financial turnover of all certified and non-certified products containing wood or wood fiber components. The annual turnover refers to the most recently completed fiscal year. Quality Austria must pay the Annual Administration Fee to FSC Global Development. The underlying Standard is FSC-POL-2-005 V2-7 (Annual Administration Fee, www.fsc.org).

AAF for multi-site CoC: The AAF will be calculated on the basis of the aggregate annual turnover of the sites included in the scope.

Group CoC certificates: A fixed fee of \$ 20 will be charged for each group member, plus the Annual Administration Fee.

2. FSC® - Annual Administration Fee (AAF) for Chain of Custody (CoC) in Dollar from 1 July 2022

From 1 July 2022 onwards the following steps and table shall be applicable to the determination of AAF chargeable on COC certification (for single site certification omit steps a and b):

- Determine the exact Forest Products Turnover of each individual site.
- Calculate the aggregate Forest Products Turnover for all sites by adding together the values in step a.
- Look up the AAF Class and AAF Class Minimum Turnover in Table 3 below, according to the Forest Products Turnover (Column 2).

d) Derive the Excess Turnover as follows

$$\text{Excess Turnover} = \text{Forest Products Turnover} - \text{AAF Class Minimum Turnover}$$

e) Look up the Base Fee and Variable Fee in Table 3 below according to whether the certification is for a Processor or Trader.

f) Use the Base Fee, Variable Fee and Excess Turnover values to calculate the final AAF using the following formula

$$\text{AAF} = \text{Base Fee} + (\text{Excess Turnover} / \$1,000,000 \times \text{Variable Fee})$$

g) Round up the final AAF amount to the nearest USD. If this final amount is below the Minimum AAF specified below in clause 3 then the Minimum AAF figure will be charged.

From 1 July 2022, the minimum AAF is USD 80 per year for Processor and Trader certification.

Table 3. AAF for Processor and Trader certification (in USD). Variable fees charged per USD 1 million in Forest Products Turnover above the minimum within that Class.

Class	Forest Products Turnover (USD)	Processor Base (USD)	Processor Variable (USD)	Trader Base (USD)	Trader Variable (USD)
1	< 1 Million	0,00	550,00	0,00	165,00
2	>1 - 5 Million	550,00	180,00	165,00	54,00
3	>5 - 25 Million	1.270,00	75,00	381,00	22,50
4	>25 - 100 Million	2.770,00	30,00	831,00	9,00
5	>100 - 500 Million	5.020,00	18,00	1.506,00	5,40
6	>500 - 2.000 Million	12.220,00	15,00	3.666,00	4,50
7	> 2.000 Million	34.720,00	12,50	10.416,00	3,75

Example: From 1 July 2022, a Processor with a Forest Products Turnover of USD 1,234,567 would fall into AAF Class 2 (USD 1-5 Million) for which the base AAF is USD 550 and the Variable Fee is USD 180 per USD million. The final AAF would thus be calculated in two steps as follows:

$$\text{Excess Turnover} = \$1,234,567 - \$1,000,000 = \$234,567$$

$$\text{AAF} = \$550 + (\$234,567 / \$1,000,000 \times \$180) = \$550 + \$42 = \$593$$

2. Right of use - Quality Austria

The right to use the **qualityaustria** Evidence of Conformity and conformity marks includes:

- the initial issuance of **qualityaustria** certificates or Evidence of Conformity
- a 12-month right to use the Evidence of Conformity and the conformity mark for commercial purposes, in particular for advertising and forming the confidence of business partners and the public.

Employees	Usage fee in € until 30. June 2022	Usage fee in € from 1 July 2022
1-50	€ 385,-	€ 400,-
>51	€ 755,-	€ 800,-

3. Audit costs

The costs of FSC® certification are estimated on the basis of the expectable expenditure for audit planning, conduct of the audit and audit documentation. Furthermore, these costs are based on the minimum time guideline, taking into account the complexity of the organization (number of employees, number of sites, products, processes etc.).

If a customer is interested in FSC® certification, he/she will receive an individual detailed offer for initial certification, including a five-year cycle (surveillance audits), after completion of the data record sheet.

In addition to the costs stated in the offer, we are obliged by FSC International to invoice the annual FSC AAF charges (see Clause 1), which will then be forwarded to FSC Global Development. These fees are accounted in the offer and usually change once a year as a result of inflation adjustments.

Please understand that due to the increasing number of logo releases Quality Austria had to come up the trademark release. The new regulation is valid at 1. July 2022:

Number of Trademark release	Fee in €
< 5	free of charge
6 - 10	75,--
11 - 50	150,--
51 - 100	300,--
101 - 200	600,--
201 - 400	900,--
401 - 600	1.200,--
601 - 800	1.500,--
801 - 1.000	1.800,--
1.001 - 1.200	2.100,--
> 1.201	2.400,--

The costs for logo releases will be accounted at the end of the respective calendar year, based on the number of releases issued.

The company can also carry out the trademark release itself after fulfilling the requirements for trademark use management. In this case, the auditor must calculate additional time for increasing the sample.

Other applicable documents to the offer are the **qualityaustria** GTCs and the FSC® product regulation, in the respective current version.

The **qualityaustria** pricing policy can be requested from the Customer Service Center (office@qualityaustria.com).